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1. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered a response to the letter of 15 May from Representative Charles B. Rangel (D., N. Y.) to his office.
  2. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Met with Mrs. Gerry Myers, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that H.R. 11150, a bill for the protection of rights of Federal employees, is scheduled for consideration by the full Committee tomorrow, 1 June. Since the full Committee has had trouble making a quorum, it is not known yet what the attendance will be for tomorrow's meeting.
  3. (Confidential - JGO) Talked to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and made final arrangements with him for tomorrow's briefing of the Special Group on the community and Agency budgets. The offices of Messrs. Tweedy, D/DCI/IC, and Briggs, OPPB, have been advised.
  4. (Secret - GLC) In response to Mr. Goldsmith's call yesterday, I met with both Goldsmith and Braswell, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and provided them with information on our expenditures in Laos. They were particularly interested in the [redacted] war related intelligence collection activities. I left with Braswell a breakdown prepared by [redacted] 25X1 FE/TBL, on our Laos budget comparing FY 1973 with FY 1972. I queried these men again about the possible trade-off of excluding a ceiling on Laos expenditures this year in exchange for a reduction in expenditures for free [redacted] 25X1 They said they were not aware of any agreement having been reached on this.
- I talked further with Braswell about the possibility of Senator Stennis having General Vang Pao in his personal office to meet with a small group of Senators (I mentioned Senators Margaret Chase Smith, Ellender, Milton Young, possibly Goldwater and Symington) for coffee or cocktails on the afternoon of Thursday, 8 June. Braswell seemed to like the idea of an informal session in the Chairman's office and said he would take this up with Senator Stennis and let us know the Senator's wishes.

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3. (Confidential - GLC) Talked with Marshall Wright, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and expressed our concern over the unilateral move by Senator Bellmon yesterday in obtaining an exemption for the Department of Agriculture from the provisions of section 504(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972 (S. 3526). I told Wright that Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, was proceeding with his efforts to have Senator Stennis obtain a specific exemption for CIA. See Memorandum for the Record.

4. (Confidential - GLC) Advised George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, that as of this date the Director's calendar for 13, 14, and 15 June would accommodate his appearance before the Committee on one of those afternoons, but I told him this should not be construed as a commitment for any of those dates. I added that when they decide on a specific date to let us know and we would check it further with the Director.

5. (Confidential - GLC) Ed Hartung, Minority Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, told me the [redacted] Company, located in 25X1 North Dakota and with representatives in the Washington area, is interested in talking with someone from the Agency about their capabilities and Senator Milton Young would like us to put the proper Agency people in touch with them. I told Hartung I would check with our people and be back in touch with him about arrangements for this.

6. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Talked to Mrs. Gerry Myers, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that the Hanley Bill (H. R. 11150), relating to the protection of rights of Federal employees, was removed from the agenda late last night. No explanation was given for the removal. The next meeting of the Committee in which this bill may be considered will be 15 June 1972.

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